(c) On the basis of valid sanction plan, the allottee can proceed with the construction of the plot and the period of default in construction can be got condented/regularised at the time of obtaining form 'D'/Occupancy Certificate in accordance with the policy guidelines.

Supply of polluted drinking wafer in U.P.

4566. SHRI V. NARAYANSAMY: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of districts of Uttar Pradesh are in grip of gastro-enterities and cholera because of polluted drinking water supply;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what measures Government have taken to ensure supply of safe drinking water, and combat the threat of outbreak of epidemics?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI P. K. THUNGON): (a) and (b) As per information received from the State Government 5 Districts of Uttar Pradesh i.e. Varanasi, Azamgarh, Faizabad, Lakhimpur-Kheri and Sitapur are in the grip of gastro-enteritis and cholera. In all 7414 cases of gasrto entritis were reported from 52 Districts of the State with 252 deaths. 100 cases of cholera with one death were also reported from 19 Districts of the State since 1.1.1993.

(c) Repairs to drinking water distribution systems and proper chlorination at drinking water pumping stations are taken up in all affected areas to ensure supply of drinking water. All the wells in the affected areas were distinfected by bleeching powder regularly, chlorine tablets were widely distributed for disinfection of domestic stored drinking water. 17,20,663 preventive anti cholera inoculations were done and 11,86,632 wells were disinfected in cycles since 1.1.93, regular drinking water monitoring by O.T. testing and biological examination was done, health education was given in sensitive and affected areas by all available means and resources, health surveillance was strengthened the situation is monitored daily by the State Government and medicines, disinfectants, equipment etc. are made available in all Districts in sufficient quantities.

Conversion of leasehold flats to freehold flats

4567. CHOWDHARY HARI SINGH: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether D.D.A. has modified the Scheme announced in 1992 for conversion of leasehold flats to freehold flats;

(b) whether any writ petition was filed in the Delhi High Court by resident's associations on the subject;

(c) if so, the details of the orders passed by the High Court in the matter;

(d) whether D.D.A. announced any new rate for conversion purposes and extended the date for submitting the applications for conversion from leasehold to freehold; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI P. K. THUNGON): (a) Yes Sir, the Scheme has been made optional for all sizes of plots and flats covered under the scheme.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) No final orders have been passed by the High Court in the matter.

(d) No, new rates for conversion have been announced by DDA but the date for submitting the application at the old rates has been extended upto 31.3.1994.

(e) Does not arise in view of reply to (d) above.

Allotment of children's park to Sadhu Vaswani Mission

4568. SHRI G. Y. KRISHNAN: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question 2124 dated the 14th May, 1993 and state:

(a) the terms and conditions on which the area marked as 'Children's Park/Playground in the Shantiniketan Colony was allotted to the Sadhu Vaswani Mission;

(b) the total area of this Park; and

(c) which authority fixed the nominal rental of Re. 1 per annum for this entire park and whether it is customary to allow such land to other private institutions in the capital?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI P. K. THUNGON): (a) and (b) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

(c) Ground rent of Re. 1 per annum for playgrounds given on licence basis to schools is fixed by the Central Government. Play-fields are allotted only to various categories of educational institutions such as senior secondary, middle and primary schools and not to any other private institution.

Amount spent under IDSMT scheme in Assam

4569. SHRI N. GIRI PRASAD: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the present population of important towns of Assam State, town-wise;

(b) the details of the amount spent town-wise in the said State by the Central Government during the Sixth and Seventh Five Year Plans period, plan-wise;

(c) the details of the amount being spent by the Central Government in the current Eighth Plan period in the said State, town-wise with details of their development;

(d) whether the State Government of Assam has failed to utilise the amounts released during the Sixth and Seventh Plans period under the scheme of Integrated Development of Small and Medium Towns (IDSMT) by the Central Government in an efficient manner if so, the reasons therefor and if not, the specific developments which took place in Dibrugarh and Tinsukia towns against the amounts released in the said two plans;

(e) whether Dibrugarh town has qualified to be upgraded as a Municipal Corporation as per the latest census, if so, the reasons for not upgrading the said town to have Municipal Corporation; and

(f) whether Government spend any extra amounts on towns having Municipal Corporations in comparison to those having no municipalities, if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI P. K. THUNGON): (a) As per 1991 census, there are 28 towns in the State of Assam with population above 20,000 each. Details are given in Statement-I.

(b) Under IDSMT Scheme, 5 towns each were covered during the 6th and 7th Plan periods and Central assistance amounting to Rs. 200.00 lakhs and Rs. 146.50 lakhs respectively released. Town-wise details are given in Statement-II (*See* below).

(c) Government of Assam has been asked to submit the State Urban Development Strategy Paper alongwith priority